GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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ACQUISITION OF FOREST LAND
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the forest land acquired for establishment of industries in West Bengal and Orissa during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the number of farmers affected thereby in each State; and

(c) the area of land out of the above used by the Industrial Development Corporation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONEMNT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIAN MEENA)

(a) the forest land diverted for establishment of Industries in West Bengal and Orissa during the last three years and current year is as under:

i. West Bengal

1. Land diverted during the last 3 years = 18.531 ha.

2. Land diverted during the current year = 35.633 ha.

ii. Orissa

1. Land diverted during the last 3 years = 166.297 ha.

2. Land diverted during the current year = Nil;

(b) the number of farmers affected due to diversion of forest land under reference in West Bengal & Orissa is nil; and

(c) the area of the land out of the above being used by the Industrial Development Corporation is nil.